

APPROVED MINUTES ON JUNE 26, 2014

**POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

Minutes

Committee Meeting

May 22, 2014

Starting at 5:30 p.m.

350 Fifth Street, Room 241, Minneapolis MN 55145

Committee Members Present: Jennifer Singleton (Chair), Sarah Rude (quorum 2)

Committee Members Absent: Al Giraud-Isaacson

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Chair Singleton called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Singleton – moved to add two items to the agenda, first item regarding Youth Advisory Committee as item C, and offsite PCOC meeting as item D.

With no further discussion on the matter, Chair Singleton called for a voice vote.

All in favor. None opposed.

Motion passed.

Absent – Giraud-Isaacson

Chair Singleton moved to the next item on the agenda.

Singleton moved to adopt the meeting minutes.

All in favor. None opposed.

Motion passed.

Absent – Giraud-Isaacson

Public Comment

Chair Singleton opened the floor for public comment. With no members of the public present, the chair closed the public comment session.

Old Business

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Discussion of June 14th listening session

Chair Singleton addressed the Committee. The following are the main points of the discussion:

- Groundwork for the events and schedule of the session have been completed
- Currently working on publication efforts with Ms. Schuster including creating a flyer, press releases to radio stations (NPR and KMOJ), and local newspapers (Insight and Minnesota Spokesman Reporter)
- Connecting with City communication department, Complaint Investigation Division and Neighborhood and Community Relations Department
- Presentation materials in progress and should have ready by next commission meeting
- Developing survey for distribution at the listening session to solicit feedback from the community

With the conclusion of the update from Chair Singleton, the floor is opened for discussion. The following is a list of the participants in the discussion and an abstract of their individual comments:

Rude – indicated that most of the brainstorming had been completed; remaining items involve logistics. Rude also asked about resources available to obtain a listing of neighborhood and community groups.

With no further discussion, Chair Singleton closed the discussion and moved to the next item on the agenda.

Civil Rights Commission Liaison

Chair Singleton addressed the Committee. The following are the main points of the discussion:

- Chair Singleton has made contact with Michael Harrelson, the Chair of the Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights (MCCR), who provided those heading the PR Committee; she will make contact with them
- The MCCR has a MLK essay writing competition for the local high schools
- Will reach out to the MCCR on outreach activities to develop joint participation and effort

With the conclusion of the update from Chair Singleton, the floor is opened for discussion

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With no further discussion, Chair Singleton closed the discussion and moved to the next item on the agenda.

Civil Rights Act 50th Anniversary Celebration

Commissioner Rude addressed the Committee. The Committee Member stated that Giraud-Isaacson had been attending the meetings regarding the celebration; she indicated that there was no update at this point.

With no further discussion, Chair Singleton closed the discussion and moved to the next item on the agenda.

Minneapolis Transgender Work Group

Chair Singleton addressed the Committee. The Commissioner stated that she had not had contact with the group; indicating that she would make contact with them in the near future.

With no further discussion, Chair Singleton closed the discussion and moved to the next item on the agenda.

New Business

Outreach Kit

Chair Singleton addressed the Committee. The following are the main points of the discussion:

- At the current time the Commission has some materials available to them i.e. pamphlet, bookmark, and wristbands
- Would like to build off talking points similar to what is used for Urban Scholars when engaging with the community to develop an ongoing dialogue
- Would like to develop an easy procedure for each community; addressing its individual needs

With the conclusion of the update from Chair Singleton, the floor is opened for discussion. The following is a list of the participants in the discussion and an abstract of their individual comments:

Rude – indicated an interest in assisting with the development of the outreach kit.

With no further discussion, Chair Singleton closed the discussion and moved to the next item on the agenda.

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Continuing Legal Education Program

Chair Singleton addressed the Committee. The following are the main points of the discussion:

- The CLE program is a good way to reach local attorneys, which could prove helpful with community outreach activities
- This form of outreach could also help with future recruitment efforts as Commissioners leave the Commission

With the conclusion of the update from Chair Singleton, the floor is opened for discussion. The following is a list of the participants in the discussion and an abstract of their individual comments:

Rude – asked if this is specifically for the attorney community and not the public as a whole.

Singleton – indicated that if the CLE is free and a “credit form” could be categorized under ethics or eliminating bias, which can become difficult to obtain for local attorneys.

Singleton moved to work on development of a Continuing Legal Education Program hosted by the PCOC.

With no further discussion on the matter, Chair Singleton called for a voice vote.
All in favor. None Opposed.

Motion passed.

Absent Giraud-Isaacson.

With no further discussion, Chair Singleton closed the discussion and moved to the next item on the agenda.

Youth Advisory Committee

Chair Singleton addressed the Committee. The Commissioner indicated that since this topic was addressed at the last Commission meeting it should be included in the outreach activities. The Commissioner indicated that she would look into the topic and provide an update at the next PCOC meeting.

With no further discussion, Chair Singleton closed the discussion and moved to the next item on the agenda.

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Offsite PCOC Meeting

Chair Singleton addressed the Committee. The Commissioner indicated an interest in holding the first offsite meeting coinciding with the release of the OPCR quarterly report as an educational component. The following are the main points of the discussion:

Rude – asked when the tentative date should be for the meeting, July or August. The Commissioner indicated that there is limited opportunity once the weather starts to change, suggesting that the Commission target a date in July. Since this is a preventative measure, the Commissioner indicated that engagement with specific communities could prove helpful. Furthermore, engagement with the MPD might also prove helpful because they are also a relevant party to this process.

Singleton – indicated that one primary element involves which sites have the capacity to hold the meeting, such as the University of Minnesota or Augsburg College. Would like to see these meetings held quarterly or three times per year. The Commissioner agreed with involving the MPD, but perhaps after they have one offsite meeting to work out any issues involved with the process and identify particular trends. This also may increase levels of transparency in the process. The Commissioner also suggested reaching out to Sherman Patterson, who may be able to provide some good input on conducting the offsite meeting.

Singleton moved to host an offsite Commission meeting in the near future.

With no further discussion on the matter, Chair Singleton calls for a voice vote.

All in favor. None Opposed.

Motion passed.

Absent Giraud-Isaacson.

With no further discussion, Chair Singleton closed the discussion and moved to the next item.

Adjournment

With all of the Committee's business being concluded, the Chair entertained a motion:

Singleton moved to adjourn.

None opposed

The motion carried.

Absent Giraud-Isaacson.

Chair Singleton adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.